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**RE: Court Order for Documents *Commonwealth v.* [REDACTED]
BDC Docket Number: [REDACTED]**

Dear Mr. Gedraitis:

In response to your letter dated March 19, 2012, I am providing the following information requested regarding the *Commonwealth v.* [REDACTED] The following items are enclosed in accordance with Judge O'Dea's order:

- 1) Copy of the evidence log for sample [REDACTED] showing that Annie Dookhan signed for the evidence
- 2) Copy of the evidence log for sample [REDACTED] showing that Annie Dookhan signed for the evidence
- 3) Copy of the electronic record of evidence transfer for samples [REDACTED]
- 4) Copy of the laboratory protocol (dated 9/29/2004) which was in use in 2006
- 5) Copy of the Drug Receipt for samples [REDACTED] indicating that evidence officer, Gloria Phillips received the evidence from the Brockton Police on January 12, 2006.

In response to question 6 of your letter, the following measures have been implemented following the alleged breach in protocol:

A) Changes in policy

Access to the Evidence Office has been further restricted to Evidence Office staff and the Drug Laboratory Supervisor. Chemists now receive and return evidence through an evidence window.

B) Training

Staff were made aware of and trained in the new evidence handling procedures.

C) Hiring

Prospective employees are screened for minimum entrance requirements, interviewed by a selection team, provide professional references and undergo a Criminal Offender Records Investigation prior to employment. No changes have been made to this procedure.

D) Actions Taken Against Ms. Dookhan

Multiple options here based on what an “action” is

- No actions were taken against Ms. Dookhan OR
- Ms. Dockhan was assigned to technical writing duties pending an internal investigation into the alleged breach. She was still performing those duties when she decided to resign her position on XX-XX-2012 OR
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Sincerely,

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